

**§ 254. Acquisition of property by devise, bequest, donation, or otherwise; limitation of real estate**

The National Academy of Sciences, incorporated by this chapter, be, and the same is, authorized and empowered to receive, by devise, bequest, donation, or otherwise, either real or personal property, and to hold the same absolutely or in trust, and to invest, reinvest, and manage the same in accordance with the provisions of its constitution, and to apply said property and the income arising therefrom to the objects of its creation and according to the instructions of the donors: *Provided, however*, That the Congress may at any time limit the amount of real estate which may be acquired and the length of time the same may be held by said National Academy of Sciences.

(June 20, 1884, ch. 107, 23 Stat. 50; May 27, 1914, ch. 101, § 1, 38 Stat. 383.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of act Mar. 3, 1863, which comprises this chapter.

Act May 27, 1914, extended the right to receive property.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO ALTER, AMEND, OR REPEAL

Section 2 of act May 27, 1914, provided: "That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act [amending this section] is hereby expressly reserved."

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**§ 271. Corporation created**

The following persons: William T. Spanton, Washington, District of Columbia; Dudley M. Clements, College Park, Maryland; Herbert B. Swanson, Washington, District of Columbia; R. Edward Naugher, Arlington, Virginia; Elmer J. Johnson, Arlington, Virginia; Rodolph D. Anderson, Columbia, South Carolina; Earl H. Little, Concord, New Hampshire; Bert L. Brown, Olympia, Washington; and Ralph A. Howard, Columbus, Ohio, are created a body corporate by the name of Future Farmers of America (hereinafter referred to as the "corporation") and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers and limitations contained in this chapter.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 1, 64 Stat. 563.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 272, 278, 290 of this title.

**§ 272. Completion of organization**

The persons named in section 271 of this title are authorized to meet to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers, the adoption of regulations and bylaws, and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 2, 64 Stat. 563.)

**§ 273. Objects and purposes of corporation**

The objects and purposes of the corporation shall be—

(1) to create, foster, and assist subsidiary chapters composed of students and former students of vocational agriculture in public schools qualifying for Federal reimbursement under the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act [20 U.S.C. 11 et seq.] or the Vocational Education Act of 1946, and associations of such chapters in the several States and Territories of the United States;

(2) to develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism, and thereby to develop competent, aggressive rural and agricultural leadership;

(3) to create and nurture a love of country life by encouraging members to improve the farm home and its surroundings, to develop organized rural recreational activities, and to create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations;

(4) to encourage the practice of thrift;

(5) to procure for and distribute to State associations, local chapters, and members all official Future Farmers of America supplies and equipment;

(6) to publish an official magazine and other publications for the members of the corporation;

(7) to strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work, to encourage members in the development of individual farming programs, and to promote

their permanent establishment in farming by (a) encouraging improvement in scholarship; (b) providing prizes and awards to deserving students who have achieved distinction in vocational agriculture, including farm mechanics activities on a local, State, or national basis; and (c) assisting financially, through loans or grants, deserving students in all-day vocational agriculture classes and young farmers under thirty years of age who were former students in all-day vocational agriculture classes in becoming satisfactorily established in a farming occupation; and

(8) to cooperate with others, including State boards for vocational education, in accomplishing the above purposes; and to engage in such other activities, consistent with the foregoing purposes, determined by the governing body to be for the best interests of the corporation.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 3, 64 Stat. 563.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act, referred to in par. (1), is act Feb. 23, 1917, ch. 114, 39 Stat. 929, as amended, which is classified to sections 11 to 15 and 16 to 28 of Title 20, Education. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 11 of Title 20 and Tables.

The Vocational Education Act of 1946, referred to in par. (1), is act June 8, 1936, ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488, as amended, which was classified to sections 15h to 15ggg of Title 20, and was repealed by Pub. L. 90-576, title I, § 103, Oct. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 1091.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 274 of this title.

### § 274. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

(1) to sue and be sued, complain, and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(2) to adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;

(3) to choose such officers, managers, agents, and employees as the business of the corporation may require;

(4) to adopt and alter bylaws and regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which such corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of local chapters and State associations of chapters;

(5) to contract and be contracted with;

(6) to take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest any property, real or personal, necessary for attaining the objects and accomplishing the purposes of the corporation, subject to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of real and personal property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of real and personal property by, a corporation operating in such State;

(7) to transfer and convey real or personal property;

(8) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, subject to all applicable provisions of Federal or State law;

(9) to use the corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, and grants to deserving students and young farmers for the purposes set forth in section 273 of this title;

(10) to publish a magazine and other publications;

(11) to procure for and distribute to State associations, local chapters, and members all official Future Farmers of America supplies and equipment;

(12) to adopt emblems and badges; and

(13) to do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the objects and purposes of the corporation.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 4, 64 Stat. 564.)

### § 275. Headquarters and principal office; territorial scope of activities; agent for service of process

The headquarters and principal offices of the corporation shall be located in the District of Columbia, but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place but may be conducted throughout the various States, Territories, and possessions of the United States. The corporation shall maintain at all times in the District of Columbia a designated agent authorized to accept service of process for the corporation, such designation to be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to or service upon such agent, or mailed to the business address of such agent, shall be deemed sufficient notice or service upon the corporation.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 5, 64 Stat. 565.)

### § 276. Membership; voting rights

Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be determined according to the bylaws of the corporation. In the conduct of official business of any local chapter each member shall have one vote. In the conduct of the official business of any State association each qualified delegate of a local chapter shall have one vote.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 6, 64 Stat. 565.)

### § 277. National officers

#### (a) Composition

The national officers of the corporation shall be a student president, four student vice presidents (one from each of four regions of the United States established in the bylaws for purposes of administration of the corporation), a student secretary, an executive secretary, a treasurer, and a national advisor.

#### (b) Board of student officers

The national student officers of the corporation shall comprise a board of student officers. It shall be the duty of such board to advise and make recommendations to the board of directors with respect to the conduct of the activities and business of the corporation.

#### (c) Election

The national officers of the corporation shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the

delegates assembled in the annual national convention from among qualified members of the corporation, except that the national advisor shall be the Secretary of Education, the executive secretary shall be a member of the Department of Education, and the treasurer shall be an employee or member of a State agency that directs or supervises a State program of agricultural education under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act [20 U.S.C. 11 et seq.] or the Vocational Education Act of 1946.

**(d) Vote at national convention**

In the conduct of the business of the annual national convention each qualified delegate shall have one vote.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 7, 64 Stat. 565; 1953 Reorg. Plan. No. 1, §§ 5, 8, eff. Apr. 11, 1953, 18 F.R. 2053, 67 Stat. 631; Oct. 17, 1979, Pub. L. 96-88, title III, § 301(a)(1), (b)(2), title V, § 507, 93 Stat. 677, 678, 692.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is act Feb. 23, 1917, ch. 114, 39 Stat. 929, as amended, which is classified to sections 11 to 15 and 16 to 28 of Title 20, Education. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 11 of Title 20 and Tables.

The Vocational Education Act of 1946, referred to in subsec. (c), is act June 8, 1936, ch. 541, 49 Stat. 1488, as amended, which was classified to sections 15h to 15q, 15aa to 15jj, and 15aaa to 15ggg of Title 20, and was repealed by section 103 of Pub. L. 90-576, title I, Oct. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 1091.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Secretary of Education” and “the Department of Education” substituted for “Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare” and “that service”, respectively, in subsec. (c), pursuant to sections 301(a)(1), (b)(2) and 507 of Pub. L. 96-88, which are classified to sections 3441(a)(1), (b)(2) and 3507 of Title 20, Education, and which transferred all functions of Office of Education to Secretary of Education and transferred Office of Education to Department of Education.

Functions of Federal Security Administrator transferred to Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and all agencies of Federal Security Agency transferred to Department of Health, Education, and Welfare by section 5 of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1953, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Federal Security Agency and office of Administrator abolished by section 8 of the Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1953.

**§ 278. Board of directors**

**(a) Composition**

The governing body of the corporation, which shall exercise the powers herein granted to the corporation, shall be a board of directors composed of: (1) the Secretary of Education, who shall act as chairman; (2) four staff members in the Department of Education; and (3) four State supervisors of agricultural education.

**(b) Tenure**

The terms of office of members of the board and the method of selection of such members, other than ex officio members, shall be prescribed by the bylaws of the corporation.

**(c) Meetings**

The board shall meet at least once each year at such time and place as may be prescribed by

the bylaws. The annual report of the board shall be presented at such meeting. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the chairman.

**(d) Governing committee**

The board may designate the chairman and two members of his staff as a governing committee which, when the board is not in session, shall have and exercise the powers of the board subject to its direction and have the power to authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it.

**(e) Transition board**

The board of directors which shall serve until the first board is selected as provided in this chapter shall be composed of the nine persons named in section 271 of this title.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 8, 64 Stat. 565; 1953 Reorg. Plan. No. 1, §§ 5, 8, eff. Apr. 11, 1953, 18 F.R. 2053, 67 Stat. 631; Oct. 17, 1979, Pub. L. 96-88, title III, § 301(a)(1), (b)(2), title V, § 507, 93 Stat. 677, 678, 692.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Secretary of Education” and “Department of Education” substituted for “Chief of the Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare” and “Agricultural Education Service, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare”, respectively, in subsec. (a), pursuant to sections 301(a)(1), (b)(2) and 507 of Pub. L. 96-88, which are classified to sections 3441(a)(1), (b)(2), and 3507 of Title 20, Education, and which transferred all functions of Office of Education to Secretary of Education and transferred Office of Education to Department of Education.

Functions of Federal Security Administrator transferred to Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and all agencies of Federal Security Agency transferred to Department of Health, Education, and Welfare by section 5 of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1953, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Federal Security Agency and office of Administrator abolished by section 8 of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1953.

**§ 279. Restrictions**

**(a) Distribution of income or assets to members**

No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any member, officer, or director, or be distributable to any such person except upon dissolution and final liquidation of the corporation as provided in section 285 of this title.

**(b) Loans**

The corporation shall not make loans to its officers, directors, or employees. Any director who votes for or assents to the making of a loan to an officer, director, or employee of the corporation, and any officer who participates in the making of such a loan shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

**(c) Prizes, awards, grants, or loans to student officers and members meeting criteria**

This section shall not preclude prizes, awards, grants, or loans to student officers and members meeting the criteria established by the board of directors for selecting recipients of such benefits.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §9, 64 Stat. 566.)

#### **§ 280. Nonpolitical nature of corporation**

The corporation, and its members, officers, and directors, as such, shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party or candidate for elective public office.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §10, 64 Stat. 566.)

#### **§ 281. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §11, 64 Stat. 566.)

#### **§ 282. Prohibition against issuance of stock or payment of dividends**

The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares or stock, or to declare or pay any dividends, its objects and purposes being solely educational.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §12, 64 Stat. 566.)

#### **§ 283. Books and records; inspection**

The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, the board of directors, and committees having any authority under the board of directors; and it shall also keep a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member or his agent or attorney at any reasonable time.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §13, 64 Stat. 566.)

#### **§ 284. Repealed. Pub. L. 88-504, §4(13), Aug. 30, 1964, 78 Stat. 637**

Section, act Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §14, 64 Stat. 566, related to audit of financial transactions and report of such audit to Congress. See sections 1101 to 1103 of this title.

#### **§ 285. Use of assets on dissolution or liquidation**

Upon final dissolution or liquidation of the corporation and after the discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be used by the board of directors for the benefit of students of vocational agriculture, or be transferred to some recognized educational foundation.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §15, 64 Stat. 566.)

#### **SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 279 of this title.

#### **§ 286. Exclusive right to name, emblems, seals, and badges**

The corporation, and its duly authorized chapters and associations of chapters, shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the name of Future Farmers of America and the initials FFA as representing an agricultural membership organization and such seals, emblems, and badges as the corporation may lawfully adopt.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §16, 64 Stat. 566.)

#### **§ 287. Agents for service of process**

As a condition precedent to the exercise of any power or privilege granted to the corporation under this chapter, the corporation shall file in the Office of the Secretary of State, or similar officer, in each State and in each Territory or possession of the United States in which subordinate associations or chapters are organized the name, and post office address of an authorized agent in such State, Territory, or possession upon whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §17, 64 Stat. 567.)

#### **§ 288. Availability of personnel, services, and facilities of Department of Education**

The Secretary of Education is authorized to make available personnel, services, and facilities of the Department of Education requested by the board of directors of the corporation to administer or assist in the administration of the business and activities of the corporation. The personnel of the Department of Education shall not receive any compensation from the corporation for their services, except that travel and other legitimate expenses as defined by the Secretary of Education and approved by the board of directors of the corporation may be paid. The Secretary of Education is also authorized to cooperate with the State boards for vocational education to assist in the promotion of the activities of the corporation.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, §18, 64 Stat. 567; 1953 Reorg. Plan No. 1, §§5, 8, eff. Apr. 11, 1953, 18 F.R. 2053, 67 Stat. 631; Oct. 17, 1979, Pub. L. 96-88, title III, §301(a), (b)(2), title V, §507, 93 Stat. 677, 678, 692.)

#### **CODIFICATION**

The words “, with the approval of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare,” which followed “Secretary of Education” the first time it appears and “, with the approval of the Secretary,” which followed “The Secretary of Education” the third time it appears have been omitted in view of transfer of functions (relating to education) of Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to Secretary of Education pursuant to sections 301(a) and 507 of Pub. L. 96-88, which are classified to sections 3441(a) and 3507 of Title 20, Education. This transfer would result in these phrases being redundant in that they would provide for the Secretary to obtain his own approval.

#### **TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

“Secretary of Education” substituted for “United States Commissioner of Education”, “Commissioner of Education”, and “Commissioner” and “Department of Education” was substituted for “Office of Education” in text pursuant to sections 301(a)(1), (b)(2) and 507 of Pub. L. 96-88, which are classified to sections 3441(a)(1), (b)(2) and 3507 of Title 20, Education, and which transferred all functions of Commissioner of Education to Secretary of Education and transferred Office of Education to Department of Education.

Functions of Federal Security Administrator transferred to Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare and all agencies of Federal Security Agency transferred to Department of Health, Education, and Welfare by section 5 of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1953, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Federal Security Agency and Office of Administrator abolished by section 8 of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1953.

### § 289. Acquisition of assets and liabilities of existing corporation

The corporation may acquire the assets of the Future Farmers of America, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Virginia, and of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, a corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all of the liabilities of such corporations.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 19, 64 Stat. 567.)

### § 290. Effective date

The provisions of this chapter shall take effect on the filing, in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia of affidavits signed by the incorporators named in section 271 of this title to the effect that the Virginia corporation known as the Future Farmers of America has been dissolved in accordance with law, but only if such affidavits are filed within one year from August 30, 1950.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 20, 64 Stat. 567.)

### § 291. Reservation of right to amend or repeal chapter

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this chapter is expressly reserved.

(Aug. 30, 1950, ch. 823, § 21, 64 Stat. 567.)

## CHAPTER 15—MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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### § 311. Corporation created

Alva J. Brasted, of Virginia; Henry Darlington, of New York; Simpson B. Daugherty, of Pennsylvania; Monroe Drew, Junior, of California; Clifford M. Drury, of California; Harold G. Elsam, of Illinois; Edward L. R. Elson, of California; Ira S. Ernst, of the District of Columbia; Joshua L. Goldberg, of New York; Augustus S. Goodyear, of New York; Cecil H. Lang, of Texas; Daniel Lynch, of Massachusetts; Arlington A. McCallum, of the District of Columbia; John W. McQueen, of Alabama; Cyrus W. Perry, of New York; Frederick C. Reynolds, of Maryland; George F. Rixey, of Missouri; Patrick J. Ryan, of California; Harris E. Starr, of Connecticut; Gustav Stearns, of Wisconsin; Edward J. Smith, of Iowa; Francis V. Sullivan, of Massachusetts; John M. Thomas, of Vermont; Edmund W. Weber, of Minnesota; Robert J. White, of Maine; Julian E. Yates, of the District of Columbia; Nils M. Ylvisaker, of Minnesota; and their successors, who are, or who may become, members of The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America, a national association

of chaplains and former chaplains of the armed services, and such national associations are created and declared to be a body corporate by the name of "The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America".

(Sept. 20, 1950, ch. 956, § 1, 64 Stat. 868.)

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 312 of this title.

### § 312. Completion of organization

Said persons named in section 311 of this title, and such other persons as may be selected from among the membership of The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America, a national association of chaplains and former chaplains of the armed services, are hereby authorized to meet to complete the organization of said corporation by the selection of officers, the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, and to do all other things necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter, at which meeting any person duly accredited as a delegate from any area, State, or local chapter of the organization of the existing national association known as The Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America, shall be permitted to participate in the proceedings thereof.

(Sept. 20, 1950, ch. 956, § 2, 64 Stat. 868.)

### § 313. Purpose of corporation

The purpose of this corporation shall be:

(a) To safeguard and to strengthen the forces of faith and morality of our Nation; (b) to perpetuate and to deepen the bonds of understanding and friendship of our military service; (c) to preserve our spiritual influence and interest in all members and veterans of the armed forces; (d) to uphold the Constitution of the United States; and (e) to promote justice, peace, and good will.

(Sept. 20, 1950, ch. 956, § 3, 64 Stat. 868.)

### § 314. Powers of corporation

The corporation (a) shall have perpetual succession; (b) shall have power to make its own organization, including its constitution, bylaws, rules, and regulations; (c) may adopt a corporate seal and alter it at pleasure; (d) may establish and maintain offices for the conduct and transaction of its business; (e) may appoint or elect officers and agents; (f) may authorize the executive committee to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation; (g) may publish a magazine or other publications; (h) may charge and collect membership dues, subscription fees, and receive contributions of money or property to be devoted to the carrying out of the purposes of the organization; (i) may acquire by purchase, devise, bequest, gift, or otherwise, and hold, encumber, convey, or otherwise dispose of, such real and personal property as may be necessary or appropriate for its corporate purposes; (j) may sue and be sued; and (k) generally may do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is created.

(Sept. 20, 1950, ch. 956, § 4, 64 Stat. 868.)